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☺ Thank you so much!

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Carol Ann,

Thanks for your response and your shout out to Nate. We appreciate it.

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Wendy

Draft June 30

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Transmission of document, "Congressional Disclosure on Fraud and Corruption in OCSPP"

**FROM:** Michal Freedhoff, PhD  
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**TO:** Sean O'Donnell  
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Francesca Grifo  
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Wendy, Charlotte and Nate – Will you have any comments on our draft memo to the IG and the Scientific Integrity Official?

AND a big thank you to Nate,

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Dear PTSLO and GLO – On Monday June 28, OCSPP Assistant Administrator Michal Freedhoff received from PEER a copy of a letter they had just sent to Representative Ro Khanna. (See first attachment.) The letter alleges that certain OCSPP career managers and staff violated EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy. Michal is

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**We would be grateful for your review** of the draft memo, ideally by COB Thursday July 1. We would like to finalize and send the memo on Thursday July 1 or Friday July 2. Please send us any thoughts or comments you have. Thank you so much.

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